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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES

OF THE

Town of Salem,

FROM MARCH, 1851, TO MARCH, 1852.

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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with

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| Cash received of former Board of Selectmen, | - | 605 18 |
| For John M. Rowell's note, | - | 134 93 |
| Balance on J. L. Clendennin's note, | - | 260 45 |
| Amount of taxes assessed, | - | 2539 22 |
| “ literary money, | - | 64 00 |
| Cash rec'd of State Treasurer, proportion railroad tax for 1851, | - | 123 75 |
| Cash borrowed of Ezra Bennet, | - | 150 00 |
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| | | \$3877 53 |

Accounted for as follows:

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| Paid on account of School District No. 1, | - | 89 12 | |
| Literary money, 10 47; railroad money, 5 34, | - | 15 81 | 104 93 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 2, | - | 31 60 | |
| Literary money, 3 65; railroad money, 1 89, | - | 5 51 | 37 14 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 3, | - | 32 36 | |
| Literary money, 3 72; railroad money, 1 92, | - | 5 64 | 38 00 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 4, | - | 98 50 | |
| Literary money, 11 58; railroad money, 5 91, | - | 17 49 | 115 99 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 5, | - | 59 00 | |
| Literary money, 6 47; railroad money, 3 53, | - | 10 00 | 69 00 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 6, | - | 73 63 | |
| Literary money, 8 50; railroad money, 4 41, | - | 12 91 | 86 54 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 7, | - | 55 83 | |
| Literary money, 6 56; railroad money, 3 34, | - | 9 90 | 65 73 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 8, | - | 53 07 | |
| Literary money, 6 22; railroad money, 3 18, | - | 9 40 | 62 47 |
| Paid on account of School District No. 9, | - | 59 36 | |
| Literary money, 6 83; railroad money, 3 56, | - | 10 39 | 69 75 |
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ABATEMENT AND DISCOUNT OF TAXES.

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| Abatement of Adam Hawk's, | - | 1 00 | |
| do Charles H. Dunbar's, | - | 1 52 | |
| do Moses Webster's, | - | 2 68 | |
| do George Dowry's, | - | 1 60 | |
| do Alfred Snell's, | - | 1 06 | |
| do Sundry poll taxes | - | 36 27 | |
| J. R. Rowell's discount on taxes, | - | 74 82 | \$118 95 |

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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| Alvah Hall, for 11 days' work taking out ledge and repairing bridge, near E. C. Gordon's, | 13 75 | |
| Wm. S. Merrill, 3 days 4 50, use of drills 1 50, | 6 00 | |
| use of one yoke of oxen 2 1-2 days, | 2 50 | |
| use of cart two days and plow half day, | 99 | |
| repairing chain 12, use of drag 1 00, | 1 12 | |
| cash for powder, | 3 00 | 27 36 |
| Abel Webber Jr., for 5 hours men and 6 of oxen, breaking roads, | | 1 00 |
| Amos Dow, for 55 1-2 hours work of men, and 45 of oxen, in District No. 19, | - | 8 98 |
| working non-resident taxes, | - | 1 50 |
| Nath'l Webster do do | - | 36 |
| John Taylor, Jr., do do | - | 1 50 |
| Warren Webster, do do | - | 96 |
| Oliver Russ, Jr., do do | - | 1 50 |
| Silas Hall, for non-resident highway receipts returned, | | 8 45 |
| David Messer, for breaking roads, 7 hours men and 14 of oxen, | | 1 96 |
| Nath'l Webster, do 9 do 9 do | | 1 62 |
| Enoch Taylor, for 133 feet 2 inch plank, District No. 1, | | 5 32 |
| two stringers 101 feet 2 inches measure for bridge, near J. Hale's, 4 04; 10 small stringers, 1 00, | | 5 04 |
| R. Coburn, 170 feet plank 6 80; oxen and wheels to draw the same, 1 00; labor on bridge near J. Pettengill's, and on bridge near J. R. Jones's 62; fee for surveying 10, | | 8 52 |
| Aaron Goodhue, for drills and powder, | | 75 |
| B. Bradley, for working G. Parker's non-resident tax to am't of | | 1 12 |
| Jos. W. Emerson, 13 hours' men and 13 of oxen, breaking roads, | | 2 34 |
| Seth J. M. Patty, 6 do 6 do do | | 1 08 |
| Isaiah Kelly 20 do 26 do do | | 4 20 |
| Elliot Goodwin, 8 3-4 days' work, building bridge near my house, 8 75; William S. Merrill, 2 1-4 days, 3 37, one yoke of oxen, 2 days, 2 00, cart, 3 days, 1 00, cash paid for covering stone, 4 00. | | 19 12 |
| F. S. Smith, 15 hours' work of himself and 4 oxen same in 1850, | | 4 20 |
| Levi Clapp, for 3 poles for bridge, | | 1 00 |
| Ira A. Pettingill, 14 hours breaking roads, 2 yoke of oxen 3 hrs, | | 1 82 |
| Warren Webster, 38 hours breaking roads 304, 1 yoke oxen 2 hours 20, | | 324 |
| John A. Wheeler, repairing bridge 50; 27 feet plank 67; 3 hrs. 2 hands with 4 oxen, breaking roads 1 08; do 1 08; do 1 08; do 2 hours 72, | | 5 13 |
| Robert Lowell, 73 feet timber for bridge in District No. 9, | | 9 12 |
| J. C. Ewing, 15 hours men and 19 of oxen, breaking roads, | | 3 06 |
| Charles L. Ames, 1 1-2 day, blasting stone 1 32; use of drills 50, | | 1 82 |
| E. C. Gordon, altering 2 large drills and sharpening 5 drills 41; sharpening 5 large drills 20; sharpening drills 33, | | 94 |
| Jerome Kelly, 2 days' work splitting stone, and use of tools, | | 3 00 |
| Joseph Haynes, 2 hours of 3 men and 6 oxen, breaking paths, | | 1 08 |
| Nath'l B. Duston, 142 feet plank for bridge in District No. 9, | | 3 55 |
| Israel T. Foster, for 8 hours men shoveling snow, | | 64 |
| men 27 hours and oxen 24 hours, breaking roads, | | 4 56 |
| David Duston, 247 feet 2 inch plank for bridge near J. Taylor Jr, | | 6 18 |
| Wm. Thom, 51 hrs men, 47 hrs oxen, 13 hrs horse, breaing road, | | 9 58 |

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| Seth Hall, working non-resident tax in Dist. No. 7, 1 82; 170 | |
| lbs iron posts for bridge, same Dist, 6 80; poles for railing 1, | 9 62 |
| John N. Brown, 1476 feet plank, board measure, for bridge No. 9, | 26 56 |
| 244 do do do | 26, 3 91 |
| 630 do do do | 8, 11 34 |
| Warren Webster, 4 hours repairing | do 16, 50 |
| Wm. Woodbury, men 69 1-2 hours, oxen 51 hrs, breaking roads, | 10 66 |
| J. C. Ewins do 14 do do 28 do No. 12, | 3 92 |
| Levi Emery, Jr., 15 hours, shoveling snow, | 1 20 |
| Daniel Taylor, 2 hours men and 3 yoke oxen, breaking roads, | 76 |
| Cyrus Wilson, 21 hrs men and 25 hrs oxen, breaking roads, | 4 18 |
| Richard Kelly, 7 1-2 hours labor men, shoveling snow, | 60 |
| John Claik, 15 hours men and oxen, breaking roads, | 2 70 |
| Thomas Webster, 12 1-2 hours men and 17 of oxen, breaking road, | 2 70 |
| Ebenezer Saunders, land damages for road, | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> \$ 265 25 |

CONTINGENCIES.

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| Paid John Lawrence, for examining Teachers, visiting schools, making reports, horse hire, &c., in 1851. | 39 85 |
| Eliphalet Gage, for 2 stone posts for burying ground, | 5 00 |
| Joseph Webster, for three days' service at March meeting, | 3 00 |
| Silas Hall, services surveying road near Mary Campbell's, | 50 |
| John R. Rowell's expenses to Concord and Portsmouth, to pay State and County taxes, | 4 75 |
| Paid out of the Cash Funds of the Selectmen : | |
| Andrew J. Silver and clerk, 2 days enrolling soldiers, - | 4 00 |
| N. F. Merrill, for book and blanks, - | 2 11 |
| Moore's Bailey, 5 days' service as moderator, - | 5 00 |
| J. F. C. Hayes, for printing town reports and tax bills, | 19 50 |
| J. C. Ewins, for examining Teachers, visiting schools, horse &c., in 1850, - | 7 65 |
| Frederick Kimball, for 21 meals for Selectmen, - | 5 25 |
| John Platt, for 23 meals for Selectmen, - | 5 75 |
| for 2 meals for Selectmen, - | 50 |
| for 6 meals for Auditors, - | 1 50 |
| John Emerson, note and interest to the amount of - | 317 50 |
| J. C. Ewins, for 5 ft hard wood at Town House, - | 3 12 |
| J. C. Ewins, for stationery, 20, 3 days auditing the Selectmen's accounts, 2 days at Lawrence to print the reports, | 5 20 |
| Washington Kimball, for 3 days auditing the Selectmen's accounts, - | 3 00 |
| Obadiah Dustin, for 3 days auditing the Selectmen's accounts, 3 00, use of horse and carriage, 1 00, - | 4 00 |
| Charles Day, for 3 days settling with the Auditors, 3 00, 1-2 day correcting check list, 50, 1 day drawing jurors and settling with J. L. Clendenin, 1 00, 1-2 day on other town business, 50, - | 5 00 |
| Enoch Taylor, 3 days with Auditors, 3 00, 1 day on road petitioned for by Butler and others, 1 00, use of horse and wagon 4 days, 1 00, 1-2 day drawing jurors, 50, use of horse and wagon, 25, 1-2 day settling with Selectmen, 50, Moore's Bailey, 3 days with Auditors, 3 00, 1 day on road petitioned for by D. Butler and others, 100, use of horse and carriage, 50, 1-2 day drawing jurors, 50, - | 6 25 |
| | 5 00 |

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| for 1-2 day settling with Selectmen, of 1851, 50, use of horse and carriage, 25, | 75 |
| Henry F. French, for services on indictment State vs Selectmen of Salem, on school house case in District No. 7, | 46 00 |
| Daniel Butler, for 1 door, 1 67, 2 locks, 50, repairing roof Town House, 1 50, finishing closet under the stairs, 1 33, | 5 00 |
| Samuel Kelley, for stationery, for 1851, | 90 |
| John R. Wheeler, for cleaning Town House, | 2 00 |
| MOORES BAILEY, services as Overseer of the Poor, 1-2 day making contracts with Superintendent at Alms House, 50, use of horse and carriage 1-2 day on complaint of Whitney, 50, use of horse and wagon 4 miles, 40, 1-2 day at Alms House, 50, 1 day changing oxen, &c., 1 00, 1-2 day on account of W. Greenleaf, 50, use of horse and carriage, 20, 1-2 day and use of horse and carriage, 70, 1-2 day and use of horse and carriage, 70, 1/2 day on acct of Lorenzo D. Montgomery, 50, 1-2 day to Atkinson on account of B. Childs, 50, 1 day getting affidavits for County paupers, 1 00, use of horse and sleigh 10 miles 70, 1-2 day at Atkinson on account of B. Childs, 50, use of horse and sleigh 5 miles, 50, | 8 90 |
| JOHN R. WHEELER, services as Town Clerk, recording proceedings of town meeting and making return, 2 00, recording oaths of town officers, 50, recording invoice and taxes, 2 00, petition and laying out road near Windham line, 50, calling juror meeting, notifying jurors and return, 2 00, " " " " " " " 2 00, recording the births of 10 children, 30, and 12 marriages, 72, postage on letters, 31, | 10 33 |
| JOHN R. ROWELL, services as Collector for 1851, | 61 01 |
| JOHN R. WHEELER, services as Selectman, 1-2 day settling with former Selectmen, 50, 4 days taking invoice, 4 00, 6 days making taxes, 6 00, 5 days making Surveyors and Collector's list, 5 00, 1 day appointing Town Officers, 1 00, 1 day to Concord on the Pelham claim, 1 00, 1-2 day laying out road near Windham, 50, 1 day taking invoice and making school house tax in school District No. 8, 1 00, 1/2 day correcting juror list, 50, 1-2 day drawing orders, 50, 1-2 day taking account of stock at Poor Farm, 50, 2 days settling with Collector and posting books, 2 00, | 22 50 |
| AARON G. WILSON, services as Selectman, 1-2 day settling with former Selectmen, 50, 4 days taking inventory, 4 00, use of horse and wagon, 3 1-2 days, 3 50, 6 days carrying out inventory and recording taxes, 6 00, 3 days making Surveyor's lists, &c., 3 00, 1-2 day laying out the road near Windham, 50, use of horse and wagon, 50, 1-2 day giving orders, 50, 1-2 day at juror meeting, 50, 1 day making and recording school house tax in District No. 8, 1 00, 1-2 day correcting juror list and drawing order, &c., 50, 1-2 day at juror meeting and giving order, 50, 1 day giving orders, 1 00, 1-2 day taking account of stock at Alms House, 50, 2 days settling with Collector and posting books, 2 00, cash paid, 61, 1-2 day making check list and giving orders, 50. | 25 61 |

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| SAMUEL KELLY, services as Selectman, 1-2 day settling with the | |
| former board of Selectmen, 50, 4 days taking inventory, | |
| 4 00, 12 days making and recording taxes, 12 00, 1 day to | |
| Concord to visit Joseph Cook, 1 00, 1-2 day laying out the | |
| road near Mary Campbell's, 50, 1-2 day drawing orders, | |
| 50, 1-2 day drawing jurors, 50, 1-2 day taking inventory | |
| school District No. 8, 50, use of horse and wagon, 50, 1-2 day | |
| to examine the body of J. Davidson, 50, use of horse and | |
| wagon, 50, 1 day may making tax for District No. 8, 1 00, | |
| 1-2 day giving orders, 50, 1 day giving orders, 1 00, 1-2 | |
| day appraising property at the Alms House, 50, 1 day giving | |
| order, 1 00, 1-2 day settling with the Collector, 50, | |
| 1-2 day writing warrant, &c., 50. | 27 00 |
| Moores Bailey, 1 day to Concord on account of the Pelham | |
| claim and expenses, | 3 00 |
| Moores Bailey, 2 1-2 days at Henniker and Weare examining | |
| the record on account of William Greenleaf, 2 50, | |
| cash paid out for expenses, 5 55. | 8 05 |
| Samuel Kelly, for cash paid when taking the inventory, | |
| 1 60, expenses to Concord, 4 15, paid the express man, 38. | 6 13 |
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| | \$ 680 61 |

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF POOR AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

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| Moody Foster, for 4 galls. molasses, 108 ; 7 lbs. sugar, 50 ; 1 | |
| bbl flour, 5 62 ; 1-4 bush. herds grass seed, 88 ; 4 lbs. | |
| clover seed, 50 ; 1 qt. peas, 13 ; 1 bag corn, 1 38 ; 14 lbs. | |
| mackerel, 98 . 1 scythe, 92 ; 3 lbs. saleratus, 21 ; 1 paper | |
| garden seed, 5 ; 2 lbs. nails, 10 ; 4 galls. molasses, 1 08 ; | |
| 2 bags meal, 2 80 ; 1 pitcher, 17 ; 1-2 lb. tea, 24 ; bread, | |
| 17 ; 3 lbs. saleratus, 21 ; 1 paper pins, 8 ; 1 bag meal, | |
| 1 38 ; 1 bag yellow meal, 1 40 ; 5 lbs. salt pork, 55 ; 1 | |
| bbl. flour, 4 50. | 24 93 |
| JOHN C. EWINS, for 6 lbs. fish, 24 ; mug, 5 ; 1 pk. herds grass | |
| seed, 94 ; 4 lbs. clover seed, 44 ; 2 ozs. nutmegs, 25 ; | |
| 5 lbs. coffee, 62 ; 6 lbs. sugar, 50 ; bristol brick, 7 ; | |
| goods, 25 ; thread, 4 ; 2 yds. gingham, 25 ; 1-2 lb. tea, | |
| 25 ; 4 galls. molasses, 1 08 ; 1-2 lb tea, 28 ; 6 1-2 lbs. su- | |
| gar, 50 ; 1-2 lb. tea, 25 ; 8 rolls paper, 67 ; 1 lb. tea, 28, | |
| 6 1-2 lbs. sugar, 50 ; 1 lb. tobacco, 30 ; 1-2 lb. do., 10 ; | |
| 3-4 lb. tea, 39. | 10 44 |
| Balance due on R. Coburn's bill for meat, from March 24 | |
| to September 30. | 4 68 |
| E. B. Welch, for error on bill of 1850, 50 ; 15 lbs. beef and | |
| 3 1-4 of steak, 1 12 ; 4 10-16 lbs. steak, 37 ; 15 lbs. beef, | |
| 1 20 ; 1 head and pluck, 25 ; 2 lbs. steak, 16 ; 5 lbs. veal, | |
| 6 ; 10 lbs. beef, 66 ; 11 lbs. do., 77 ; 12 1-4 lbs. beef, 98 ; | |
| 9 lbs. beef, 54 ; 10 1-2 lbs. mutton, 65 ; 6 3-4 veal, 40 ; | |
| 10 lbs. beef, 60 ; heart and haslet, 18 ; 11 lbs. beef, 36 ; | |
| 11 lbs. salt beef, 60 ; 8 1-4 lbs. veal, and 6 1-2 beef, 98 ; | |
| 13 lbs. veal, 78 ; 15 3-4 lbs. salt beef, 1 00 ; 7 lbs. veal, | |
| 35 ; hog's head, 56 ; 3 3-4 lbs. salt beef, and 3 1-4 steak, | |
| 48 ; 8 lbs. beef, 16 ; 10 3-4 lbs. flank, and 18 1-2 | |

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| lbs. pork, 2 81 ; 9 1-4 lbs. beef, 7 1-4 pork, 10 1-4 beef, 1 75 ; 17 lbs. beef, 6 1-2 pork, 1 59 ; 6 1-2 lbs. beef 9 1-4 lbs. salt beef, 6 1-4 lbs. pork, 1 57 ; 3 beef heads, 30; 5 rennet skins 30; 8 lbs salt beef 52; 7 do veal 35, | 22 95 |
| Leverett Silver, for 1 ox, - - - - - | 46 00 |
| Forester Woodbury, for cradling 6 3-4 acres of rye, - - - | 5 07 |
| H. T. Wheeler, for 24 1-2 days' work on Town Farm, - - - | 24 50 |
| Nelson Emerson, services as sexton for J. Whitney, 2 00, mending hearse, 50, - - - - - | 2 50 |
| E. D. Sargent, mending shoes, - - - - - | 1 85 |
| E. C. Gordon, for shoeing horse, 87, repairing plow, 42, shoe- ing horse, 14, mending fork, 44, shoeing horse, 40, repair- ing plow, 1 50, shoeing horse, 63, bolt, 16, repairing wag- on, 34, shoeing horse, 41, shoeing oxen, 37, mending fork, 25, shoeing horse, 60, shoeing horse, 48, - - - | 6 72 |
| Andrew Bryant, repairing bucket, 25, medicine and attendance for a cow, 1 25, use of winnowing machine, 75, hooping hogshead, 15, - - - - - | 2 40 |
| J. N. Brown, for 27 ft. slab wood, - - - - - | 8 45 |
| S. Jackman, for the services of himself and wife at the Alms House, to April 1st, 1852, - - - - - | 130 00 |
| William N. Duston, Feb. 28, 1851, 3 lbs salæratus 21; 1 do to- bacco 30; 1-2 lb do 10; 27 lbs fish 119; 7 do sugar 50; 2 brooms 25 each 50; 1 qt peas 13; 4 lbs coffee 50; 4 galls molasses 1 00; bag salt 20; 1 lb tobacco 30; 2 do nails 10; 1 bag meal 1 50; 1 bag do 1 48; 4 1-2 lbs coffee 50; 7 1-2 do sugar 50; 1 do tobacco 30; 1 do starch 13; 1 h'k thread 14; bag salt 20; 6 lbs fish 27; 1 bbl flour 5 13; 3 lbs cof- fee 36; 1 rake 25; 2 do 40; 2 rifles 10; 1 lb tobacco 30; 4 galls molasses 1 00; 1 bbl flour 4 75; goods 55, | 52 89 |
| Moody Foster, Sept. 4, 1851. 1 bag meal 1 48; 13 1-2 lbs sugar 1 00; 1-2 do tea 25; 1 gross matches 15; 2 bags meal 2 90; 12 lbs mackerel 72; 4 do salæratus 28; 35 do salt pork 3 85; 4 galls molasses 1 12; 1 bag salt 20; 1 lb tobacco 32; 1-2 do do 13; 11 1-4 do mackerel 74; 13 do codfish 67; 8 lbs coffee 1 00; 1-2 lb tea 25; 1 bag meal 1 46; 2 skeins yarn 20; 14 lbs sugar 1 00; 2 lbs tobacco 64; 15 do mackerel 98; 6 do codfish 30; 2 do salæratus 14; 2 bags meal 2 90; 14 lbs sugar 1 00; 2 do nails 10; 2 bags meal 2 96; 1 gall oil 80; 4 lbs coffee 50; 10 oz yarn 50; 1-2 lb tobacco 16; 17 1-2 do codfish 69; 4 galls molasses 1 12; 5 lbs salæratus 35; 4 do raisins 32; 60 crackers 25; 1 bush salt 50; 1 yd flannel 25; wicking 25; 1 lb tobacco 32; 1 do do 24; 12 yds cloth 5 76; 3 do frocking 1 35; 1 hk thread 7; 32 lbs flour 1 00; 1-2 do yarn 47; 9 do coffee 1 00; 1-2 do tea 25, | 42 89 |
| George Woodbury, one grass plow, - - - - - | 5 00 |
| Benjamin Gross, 1 1-2 days' work, laying wall, - - - | 1 63 |
| Amos Emerson 1 1-2 days work, laying wall, - - - | 1 50 |
| Charles W. Woodbury, 4 galls molasses 1 00; 1 qt oil 20; ½ lb cassia 20; 1-4 do spice 8; 1 do tea 55; 1-2 do spice 16; 1-4 cassia 10, - - - - - | 2 10 |
| J. H. Merrill, medicine and attendance for paupers at alms house, - | 6 37 |
| Moses A. Kelly, for one bull, - - - - - | 10 00 |

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| John Marston, mending shovel, shoeing oxen, setting tire, 1 36; | |
| shoeing oxen 1 13; shoeing oxen and mending fork 1 36, | 3 85 |
| Benjamin Gross, 3 days work laying wall, | 3 00 |
| Milo Shed, making table and window sash and repairing bench, | 4 25 |
| John Marston, shoeing oxen and making bolts 55; mending fork | |
| and shoeing oxen 60; shoeing horse 40; shoeing oxen and | |
| mending pincers 1; making wedges & mending shovel 1 90, | 6 16 |
| J. C. Ewins, 10 1-4 lbs pork 1 18; thread 6; 2 lbs nails 8; 1 | |
| paper tacks 13; 1-2 lb tea 28; 17 do fish 68; creamer 10; | |
| 5 lbs coffee 62 1-2; 19 do ham 1 90; 1-2 do tea 25; 6 rolls | |
| paper 50; ball twine 10; 6 spoons 21; 8 1-2 lbs sugar 50; | |
| basket 42; 1 qt pimento 8; 1-2 lb tea 28; 7 panes glass 21; | |
| 4 3-4 lbs putty 28; cassia 10; 1-2 lb tea 28; 1-2 do do 25; | 8 49 |
| John R. Rowell, 3 days laying wall, oxen 3-4 day, | 3 56 |
| John Corning for sawing, | 43 |
| J. C. Ewins, 1 bbl flour 6 25; 6 lbs nails 30; 4 do sugar 34; 2 | |
| qts oil 40; 1 lb tea 50; 6 lbs fish 24, | 8 03 |
| Moore's Bailey, 14 bush potatoes 10 50; 2 do corn 1 36; 2 do | |
| do 1 36, | 13 38 |
| John C. Ewins, 1-2 lb tea 25; 1 do tobacco 28; 7 do sugar 50; | |
| one axe 1 00; 1 lb tobacco 28; salt petre 7; 9 panes glass | |
| 27; 2 lbs putty 12; 6 bowls 42; 3 large spoons 27; 3 do 21; | |
| 5 panes glass 15, | 2 51 |
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| | \$ 436 62 |

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF POOR NOT AT ALMS HOUSE.

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| J. C. Ewins, 8 feet hard wood, for S. Bailey, | 4 75 |
| Seth Emerson, board of Meriam Merrill from Feb. '50 to Feb. '51, | 26 00 |
| Abner Gage, board of Nancy Parker, to April 1, 1851, | 33 80 |
| Tristram Kimball, 1 pr pants 2 00; 1 pr overalls 46; 3 yds lin- | |
| ing 24; 7 do sheeting 56; 1 pr boots 2 00; 1 do mittins 70; | |
| 1 do socks 33; 6 1-2 yds flannel 2 28; 1 green jacket 1 75, | |
| for G. Kimball, | 10 32 |
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| | \$ 74 87 |
| State tax for the year 1851, | 262 20 |
| County do do do | 485 41 |
| Non-resident highway tax rec'ts returned by J. R. Rowell, for '51, | 58 45 |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Amount of funds in the Selectmen's hands, | 3877 53 |
| School and literary money, | 649 55 |
| Abatement and discount of taxes, | 118 95 |
| Roads and bridges, | 265 25 |
| Contingencies, | 680 61 |
| Poor at the Alms House, | 436 62 |
| Poor not at the Alms House, | 74 87 |
| State and County tax receipts, | 747 61 |
| Non-resident highway tax receipts, | 58 45 |
| J. L. Clendennin's note, | 260 45 |
| J. R. Rowell's note, | 134 93 |

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| Cash in Selectmen's hands, | 443 51 |
| | <u>3870 80</u> |
| Orders drawn in favor of S. P. Massey and S. Rowell, and paid in 1850, | 10 84 |
| | <u>3881 64</u> |
| From which deduct orders not returned, the bills for which are reported, | 4 11 |
| | <u>\$3877 53</u> |

DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN.

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| Amount of Jemima Allen's note and interest Feb'y 26, 1852, | 583 00 |
| do Abiah Bailey's, do do May 6, do | 397 08 |
| do Thomas Duston's, do do April 5, do | 266 49 |
| do Jesse Emerson's, do do Feb'y 28, do | 111 91 |
| do Ezra Bennett's, do do Jan'y 31, | 150 00 |
| | <u>1508 48</u> |
| All other claims against the town do not exceed, | 160 00 |
| | <u>\$ 1668 48</u> |

DUE THE TOWN.

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| Supposed due from County, 1851, for support paupers, | 200 00 |
| From J. R. Rowell, | 134 93 |
| From J. L. Clendennin, | 129 45 |
| Cash in Selectmen's hands, | 443 51 |
| | <u>907 89</u> |
| Leaving a balance against the town, of | \$ 760 59 |

All which is respectfully submitted,

MOORES BAILEY,
DAVID MESSER,
OBADIAH DUSTON, } Auditors.

SEWELL JACKMAN TO TOWN OF SALEM, DR.

For 5 calves 18 50; 4 doz eggs 50; 24 lbs butter 3 36; 95 do butter 15 20; lumber 40; 201 lbs straw 5 78; 92 do hide 3 68; apples 12 00; 5 bush oats 2 25; rec'd for use of bull 6 60; rec'd of J. K. Bachelor, use carpenter's tools 3 59, \$71 86

TOWN OF SALEM TO SEWELL JACKMAN, DR.

For cash paid H. W. Sargent 50; 2 axe helves 34; thread 14; coffin and robe 5 25; fish 36; 1 1-2 lbs tea 50; 2 do salæratus 14; 7 do sugar and 4 do nails 90; 1 do tobacco 30; 4 galls molasses 1 20; 1 box mustard 15; 1-2 lb tea and 4 do coffee 75; 50 do potash 3 62; cash paid J. Page, for lime and labor 4 00; 12 shad 1 44; 7 lbs fish 75; 7 rolls paper 65; 4 lbs sugar 25; cash paid R. Webster 75; 4 galls molasses 1 21; 1-2 lb tobacco 16; 1 do tea 50; 8 do sugar 50; 4 do coffee 50; 1 do ginger 17; 1-4 do cassia 10; 10 yards drilling 1 40; 2 cakes soap 20; cash paid V. Merrill, for 2 days' work 1 50; 1 bush potatoes 70; 1 lb hops 17; 1 bag salt 1 50; 1 lb tea 60; 14 do sugar 1 00; 8 do coffee 1 00; 13 1-4 do fish 75; 19 1-4 do mackerel 1 37; 1-2 do pepper 10; 1-2 do ginger 8; 10 do rice 50; 2 do sugar 20; 1 bush potatoes 75; 4 galls molasses 1 12; 18 1-2 lbs fish 75; 14 do sugar 1 00; 19 1-2 do fish 97; 8 do coffee 1 00; 2 cheese cloths 1 00; repairing stove 25; 42 yds cotton cloth 2 94; 7 do print 54; 1 lb tea 55; 50 do fish 2 52; 1 bbl flour 4 87; 1 lb tobacco 30; 25 do fish 62; 10 do coffee 1 00; 15 do sugar 1 00; 2 do tea 1 00; tin ware 50; 1-2 lb pepper 10; 7 do sugar 50; nails, tobacco and thread 52; cash paid for hooping casks 50; 4 galls molasses 1 12; 14 lbs sugar 1 00; 1 box pills 25; cash paid for use of cider mill 96; 1 sled tongue 40; 1 lb tobacco 25; cash paid J. K. Bachelor, for making trough and repairing saws 1 67, 66 31

Ballance due the town

\$5 55

APPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMS HOUSE,

MADE BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB'Y 20, 1852.

STOCK.—1 horse 20; 2 oxen 75; 6 cows 150; 1 bull 15; 4 shoats 45; 10 fowls 3.

PRODUCE.—12 tons English hay 120; 1-2 ton rye straw 3; 16 bushels corn 16; 20 do rye 20; 10 do oats 5; 1 1-2 do beans 3 00; 1 do salt 45; 180 lbs ham 18; 10 lbs candles 1 20; 1-2 bbl flour 3; 2 50 lbs pork 25; 200 do beef 12; 70 do lard 7 70; 50 do dried apples 3; 10 do butter 1 80; 126 do cheese 11 34; 1 do tea 50; garden sauce 5; 75 bushels potatoes 41 25; 4 lbs coffee 44; 3 galls molasses 84; 1 bbl soap 4; 2 do grease 1 20; 4 do cider 8.

TOOLS.—3 plows 8; 5 hay forks 1; 2 yokes 1 50; 4 rakes 50; 1 horse wagon 12; 1 wheelbarrow 1 50; 3 manure forks and 3 shovels 2 50; 7 meal bags 80; 1 cultivator 3; 1 harrow 3 25; 1 drag 50; 1 ox sled 3 50; 1 ox cart 12; lot lumber 6; scythes and sneaths 1; sleigh 5; 2 wagon harnesses 6; 3 draught chains 3; 1 grindstone 1 50; 1 pick and 1 iron bar 1 50; 3 hoes and 5 axes 2 25; 1 beetle and 3 wedges 1 25; 1 wood

saw and horse 1 00; swingletree and chains 50; 1 wrench, 1 clevice and pin 50; 1 manure fork and flail 50; 4 cider casks 2; 2 augurs and 1 sickle 50; 1 drawing knife and hammer 75, 1 broad axe and square 1.

FURNITURE.—13 feather beds 35; 10 under beds 4; 33 coverlids 16; 25 pr pillow cases 2 50; 3 woolen blankets 1 50; 20 pr sheets 10; 11 bedsteads and cords 5; 2 pr shovel and tongs 50; iron ware 4; earthen pots and cheese hoops 25; 1 set measures and baskets 50; 1 buffalo robe 1 50, 2 cheese safes 2 50; 12 clothes chests 5; 2 mirrors 75; 6 meat barrels 2; 3 firkins 50; 10 dry casks 50; 13 tin and earthen pans 1; 9 pails 1; 3 tubs 2; 1 tin cream pot 50; 2 brass kettles 5; 3 pr fire dogs 25; hook and trammels 25; tea and coffee pot 15; tin dippers 10; 28 plates 50; 12 cups and saucers 40; 1 doz knives and forks 50; 18 spoons 1; 6 bowls 50; 1 strainer and culinder 50; clock 2; salt mortar and 2 mugs 50; 2 stoves and funnel 5; warming pan 75; 2 brass candlesticks 50; 7 tables 7, 16 chairs 2; 2 washboards 25, 2 pr steelyards 75; bread tray 40; 4 trunks 1; wearing apparel for 10 persons 80, 15 cords wood cut from the Farm 45; Total, 965 02

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FROM MARCH, 1851, TO MARCH, 1852.

TABULAR VIEW OF THE SCHOOLS.

| Districts. | Prudential Committees | Names of Teachers. | Time of schools, from | Length of school in wks | Whole No. of scholars. | No over 4 yrs. in 2 wks. | Average attendance. | No. under 16 years. | No. over 16 years. | No. males and females. | Teacher's pay pr month. | Amount of money for each District. | Condition school houses. |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| No. 1. J. W. Emerson, | H. J. Downs, | H. J. Downs, | May 12 to Sept. 19, | 16 | 54 45 35 | 0 54 | M. F. | \$ 8 | \$ 104 93 | Mediocrity. | | | |
| No. 2. D. Merrill, | " | H. J. Bailey, | Dec. 8 to Feb. 18, | 10 | 57 57 50 | 1 56 | 30 | 27 | 9 | 37 14 | Good. | | |
| No. 3. E. Taylor, | | C. A. Duston, | Sept. 29 to Dec. 27, | 11 1-2 | 9 9 7 | 1 8 | 6 | 3 | 6 | | | | |
| No. 4. J. Taylor, | | D. Duston, | May 19 to June 27, | 6 | 32 30 25 | 0 30 | 17 | 15 | 7 | | | | |
| No. 5. J. R. Rowell, | | C. A. Kent, | Nov. 10 to Dec. 13, | 5 | 26 23 20 2-3 | 5 18 | 15 | 11 | 11 | | | 38 00 | Very poor. |
| No. 6. J. Woodbury, | | C. A. Wilson, | May 12 to Sept. 12, | 17 1-2 | 77 68 47 | 1 72 | 38 | 39 | 8 | | | | |
| No. 7. S. Palmer, | | M. J. Davis, | Dec. 18 to Feb. 25, | 10 1-2 | 60 57 45 | 2 58 | 30 | 30 | 17 | | | 116 08 | Very bad. |
| No. 8. A. Austin, | | M. L. Downs, | May 19 to July 12, | 8 | 35 33 28 1-2 | 0 35 | 16 | 19 | 5 | | | | |
| No. 9. A. Merrill, | | A. A. Richardson | Nov. 16 to Feb. 5, | 11 | 33 33 26 | 4 29 | 16 | 17 | 8 | | | 68 79 | Very poor. |
| | | W. C. Harris, | June 2 to Sept. — | 12 | 63 60 42 | 1 62 | 26 | 37 | 7 | | | 86 59 | Very good. |
| | | G. Kimball, | Dec. 1 to Jan. 23, | 8 | 77 67 55 | 11 56 | 44 | 33 | 20 | | | | Superior. |
| | | S. A. Flanders, | June 2 to Aug. 9, | 10 | 39 38 29 | 0 38 | 13 | 26 | 6 | | | 65 73 | Comfortable. |
| | | E. George, | Dec. 1 to Feb. 6, | 9 1-2 | 50 38 25 | 8 42 | 23 | 27 | 19 | | | | |
| | | J. B. Gage, | June 2 to July 26, | 8 | 38 35 33 | 0 36 | 14 | 24 | 6 | | | 62 47 | Good. |
| | | A. A. Carleton, | Dec. 8 to Jan. 31, | 8 | 40 40 27 | 5 35 | 18 | 22 | 20 | | | | |
| | | M. Poor, | June 3 to Sept. 30, | 16 | 23 23 15 1-2 | 0 23 | 8 | 15 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | Dec. 8 to Feb. 6, | 8 | 31 30 19 1-2 | 5 26 | 13 | 18 | 7 | | | 69 75 | Some say uncom'ble |

GENERAL REMARKS.

ATTENDANCE:—The *highest whole number* of Scholars, attending the different schools of the town during the year, is 408. The *highest aggregate number*, attending two weeks, is 372. The *sum of the highest averages* for the year, is 294. Of the scholars most *constant* at school, we give the following: In Dist. No. I. J. S. Rowell, E. A. Austin, and H. G. Wheeler. In No. II, N. J. Emerson, J. Chase. In No. III, the last term—a short one—*few* were present every day. In No. IV, George and Sarah Wells, Elizabeth Esther, Adeline and Levi Duston, and Daniel Newell, during the long Summer term. In No. V, the last term J. G. Bodwell, M. Noyes and E. A. Woodbury. During the same term in No. VI, John Gage, Wm. Houghton, Abby Austin, Prescott, George, Sarah, Emily and Adaline Hall. In No. VII, Otis S. and Wm. H. Merrill, L. Woodbury. In No. VIII, H. Pearson, F. Cluff, O. Austin. And in No. IX, George H. Day, and Julia S. Merrill. A few only of these “*lost a day*.” None, *more* than that. The general attendance has been affected by various causes, as storms, sickness, and prevailing distempers. Though there has been some improvement in this particular, yet much more should be done by parents and teachers to secure the punctual and regular attendance of every scholar.

SCHOOL HOUSES:—The Register reports on these, vary, as will be seen in the Table, from “*very good*” to “*very bad*.” Within the past year, a new and convenient house has been built in District No. VIII.—That in No. I has been improved, by a new arrangement of seats, desks, &c. A set of Outline Maps has been provided, but the House is without shovel or tongs. The boys of the Winter school in No. V, have furnished a large Black-Board, and the girls some curtains for the windows.—Other houses stand greatly in need of such fixtures as large Black-Boards, Maps, improved Stoves, &c. And few houses have proper modes of ventilation by dropping windows from the tops, while some of the places, where schools are held, have no great claims to respect, as school houses.

LENGTH OF SCHOOL:—In this particular, there is no uniformity, the Terms varying from 5 to 17 or 18 weeks, with a short vacation in summer. It would be well to have as great regularity in the times of the commencement and close of schools in town as possible, in order to do which, Prudential Committees should have some understanding as to “the times and seasons,” being guided of course, in some measure, by the amount of money to be expended.

TEACHERS:—We have had the past year, a greater number of young, and inexperienced teachers than usual. Yet they did well, for beginners. If, however, Committees would realize the greatest benefit from the money appropriated, let them pay special regard to qualifications, of which maturity of judgment and experience are the *first*. Most of our teachers have spared no pains in their work, and, though their endeavors may not be fully appreciated, they have their reward. We are sorry to have occasion to say, that in one or two instances, teachers have failed, fully to make out their School Reports, as by law required, in relation to which, they are referred to the “Note” at the bottom of the page, headed “School Register.”

PARENTS.—The increasing interest in their schools, manifested by the parents in some parts of the town is very gratifying, and of the highest promise for the future ; though, indeed, we might ask, "What should interest them if not the education of their own children?" yet while some pay them many and frequent visits, others give none ; not even of the Prudential Committee, appointed to hire the teacher, provide him means to work with, and, it might also be supposed, see that the course of instruction and discipline is what it should be. Let not this duty to both the teacher and scholars be longer so neglected. Let parents visit the school, speak a kind word to the instructor, and smile upon the pupils, and it will be like sunshine to their hearts ; while your personal interest in their labors will be greatly increased thereby, and you will be led to make a higher estimate of the importance of common schools.

TEXT BOOKS.—These are yet too many and various. Hence, classes are multiplied in number, but divided and reduced in force, and consequently less is accomplished for the school. Both teachers and parents should pay closer attention to this matter. Those heretofore recommended for general use, are Russell's and Town's Reading Books, Adams' and Greenleaf's Arithmetics, Wells' Grammar, Smith's and Morse's Geographies, Willard's and Goodrich's United States Histories, Comstock's Philosophy, Cutter's Physiology. With the general exercises in the scriptures, singing, writing, composition and discussion of topics, &c. the Superintending Committee have been highly pleased. The school meetings and lectures held in different Districts, the past winter, have contributed greatly to the advantage of both teachers and parents, affording social entertainments, and raising higher the tone of public feeling in the great cause.

In conclusion, we would suggest that a greater amount of money be appropriated for the schools of the town, and a deeper interest in their elevation, be taken by all good citizens. Let us have better accommodations, better committees, and better teachers, as far as they can be obtained, and we shall have better schools, which will give to society and the world more intelligent and enlightened men, and more amiable and useful women.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN LAWRENCE,

JOHN C. EWINS,

R. COBURN.

Salem, Feb'y 23, 1852.